

**Written Testimony of John Humphries, CT Roundtable on Climate & Jobs
Before the CT General Assembly Commerce Committee**

**Written Testimony Concerning Raised Bill 6650 AN ACT CONCERNING
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

First, I want to express my appreciation to the committee co-chairs, Senator LeBeau and Rep. Perone, and all the members of the Committee for accepting this testimony.

I have been helping to convene the CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs, a unique collaboration between the CT AFL-CIO and the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, designed to promote dialogue among labor, religious, environmental and community leaders concerned about the challenge of reducing the threat of climate change while creating good-paying jobs as part of a sustainable economy. We believe that State energy and environmental policies need to address the dual crises of economic stagnation and climate change.

I also own and live in a 3-family house in the West End of Hartford. This past summer I paid for the Home Energy Solutions audits for all three of the units in my 100-yr-old house. I followed up by having insulation installed in the attic and in the exterior walls of the house. The first floor unit, which I live in, has oil heat, while the other two units have been converted to gas boilers.

It was very important in my effort to make my property more energy efficient for me to have equal access to all the programs for all three units, regardless of heat source. I am very supportive of the proposal for an excise tax on heating oil to allow all oil customers to support and benefit from the state's energy efficiency fund as I did this past fall. Fully funding energy efficiency programs is the least-cost way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while creating large numbers of local jobs that cannot be outsourced.

Thank you.

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